

Changing F aces

Women's Leadership Program

Program Dates:

July 9–23, 2006

Honolulu, Hawai`i and Bangkok, Thailand

Changing Faces is a program designed to bring together women from the United States and the Asia Pacific region to participate in dialogue on leadership and issues specific to women in leadership around the region. The theme of the 2006 program is "Women's Political Empowerment and Civic Engagement in Asia, the Pacific, and the United States." The program will consider how women's leadership can contribute to the sustainability and well-being of their communities and the region as they participate in elections for local, provincial, and national offices, and assume leadership positions in government ministries and civil society organizations.

The program consists of the following components:

Pre-arrival

Each participant will be asked to identify a priority issue, either for her organization or her community, and to outline ways in which she sees herself exercising leadership to address the issue.

Honolulu Seminar

Workshops will cover topics including communication, organizational planning, and models of leadership in differing cultural contexts. Drawing on East-West Center and community expertise, participants will meet with specialists and practitioners to explore a variety of leadership case studies. Participants will formulate action plans addressing their priority issues and make short presentations on their plans.

Thailand Study Tour

To further explore women's leadership in the Asia Pacific context, participants will engage in a group study tour to Thailand. The program will include professional meetings in Bangkok, as well as a visit to a community development project in rural Thailand.

Follow-up

Participants will refine their action plans, maintain regular contact with program staff and fellow participants, and provide updates on action plan progress via an e-mail listserve and program website.

For more information or to submit an application please contact us:

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Applications must be received at the Fast-West Center no later than

March 24, 2006

Application Requirements

The program seeks professional women at lower and middle level positions of leadership who have the potential to move into positions of greater responsibility and influence. Applicants should have between five and twelve years of work experience and the ability to use English in a professional, multi-cultural setting. To apply, please submit the following:

- Applicant Contact Information Sheet, available online at http://www.eastwestcenter.org/ stored/misc/2006_applicant_contact_info.pdf;
- Letter of interest highlighting previous leadership experience and expressing what the applicant hopes to gain from the program;
- Resume including work and educational experience;
- Two professional letters of recommendation;
- A written response, not to exceed 1,000 words, to one of the following questions:
 - 1. What is your definition of leadership?
 - 2. What challenges do women in positions of leadership, or those who wish to move into positions of leadership, face in your society?

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.



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